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ARIZONA METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS FOR SENDING METHAMPHETAMINE TO KENTUCKY

Third drug conspirator pleads guiltyCrystal meth ("ICE") street value of \$250,000

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **CARRIE IPPOLITO**, age 28, of 3731 N. 27th Street, Apartment 5, Phoenix, Arizona was sentenced to 9 years for conspiring to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine in and around Hardin County, Kentucky. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Ippolito was also sentenced to 5 years of supervised release to begin after she completes her prison sentence.

On June 21, 2005, Daniel Jameson and Douglas Cox, who previously pled guilty in federal court and were sentenced to 20 years and 12 years and 7 months, respectively, were transporting approximately 5 ½ pounds of crystal methamphetamine ("ice") to Radcliffe, Kentucky, including 3 pounds that they purchased in Arizona from **Ippolito**. Jameson and Cox were stopped by law enforcement in Hickman County, Tennessee. Police found the 5 ½ pounds of crystal methamphetamine in a fender well of their vehicle. **Ippolito**, Jameson, Cox and others conspired to sell the 5 ½ pounds of methamphetamine ("ice") in and around Radcliffe and Elizabethtown. The approximate street value of the methamphetamine involved was \$250,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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